

AGN. NO.

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Domestic violence (DV) and Intimate partner violence (IPV) are serious public health problems that have a negative impact on millions of people nationwide and thousands of people in the County each year. DV and IPV create short term disruption in the lives of victims, and also lead to negative long-term health issues that must be addressed with adequate services such as counseling, mental health services, housing, and financial and legal advice, among others. In an effort to better respond to the needs of those currently experiencing DV or IPV, as well as survivors, and to curb instances of DV and IPV in the County of Los Angeles, it is important to assess the information available for dissemination by all County departments and agencies and whether these resources provide clear, concise information that survivors can use immediately to get assistance.

County Departments report that there are many forms of information available in handbooks, pamphlets, booklets and brochures but there is no uniformity to such materials, nor is there one simple resource that contains information on hotline numbers for DV and Child Abuse assistance, that can be easily picked up in any County office or

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department. The County could benefit from a thorough, comprehensive analysis, review and assessment of the materials available throughout County departments and agencies, including availability of such information offered in different languages. Once an inventory is completed, it may be possible to create a single piece of information that contains the information survivors need to get immediate assistance. This will also provide help for those survivors who aren't yet comfortable disclosing DV/IPV but would call to get more information on services available on their own. Therefore it is requested that a comprehensive inventory of DV/IPV materials available through all County departments and agencies, including languages to be provided to the County Domestic Violence Council.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the following Departments; the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the District Attorney's Office Family Violence Division (DA), Sheriff's Department (SD), the Office of Women's Health (OWH), the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC), to conduct an inventory by collecting and reviewing handbooks, pamphlets, booklets, brochures and any other form of information pertaining to DV/IPV and report back to the Board of Supervisors in writing of its findings in 90 days. This inventory should include materials concerning available resources, materials used in outreach and education efforts, and where there may be gaps in the presentation of information.

The report shall also include an analysis of the possibility of creating a new single resource that may not already exist to provide outreach, education, numbers for

immediate referrals and references to appropriate services for DV/IPV survivors.

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